SPEAKING OF POLITICS

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One week from today a lot of things which make for speculation in Utah will be matters of history. The election will be over and all the pundits will have left is to explain what happened and why they did or did not foresee these events.

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The 1960 campaign will be long remembered in Utah no matter who wins. This was a campaign of paradox, which started out with a Republican presidential and Democratic gubernatorial candidate taking big leads and ended up with support swinging to a Republican governor and a Democratic president.

It has been a campaign where whispered reports of a candidate's private life far over-shadowed the stands of either candidate on the issues at stake in the eyes of the public.

More people in 1960 openly expressed indecision as to how to vote right up to within a week of election. More people openly expressed dissatisfaction with both the candidates for president and both the candidates for governor—and for several other offices for that matter.

This year may also be remembered as a year when emotions and emotional issues played a larger role than did partisan politics and party-line issues.

The 1960 campaign may well be the last of its kind. More people than ever before are talking more loudly than ever before about taking positive steps to actually shorten the period of campaigning. In short, as this campaign rolls into its final week, a good many Americans are sick of political figures and their battle for votes.

Negative Support

What with the highly publicized debates of Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Sen. John F. Kennedy, and the counterparts on the local levels in face to face meetings of local candidates, the American people in 1960 should be able to cast the best-informed votes in history—against one candidate or another.

Nationally, or in Utah, it is hard to find very many people who are actively working and voting FOR any candidate. Most votes these days appear to be cast AGAINST one candidate rather than for another. But 1960 appears to have reached some sort of high water mark.

This was also the year that, from all outward appearances, should have been a year for Democrats in Utah, in view of gains in 1956 and the sweep of 1958.

Yet Democrats generally let Republicans call the turn of their campaigning, particularly in the governor race, and Democrats have seen a tremendous lead, both actual and psychological, fall away in the last two weeks of the campaign.

And, 1960 has been a year where two races in Utah—the presidential and gubernatorial—have far overshadowed all other contests, including both congressional races. In the shuffle, races for state offices, Legislature and county commission posts have been nearly overlooked.

Hard To Figure

As far as the voting next Tuesday is concerned, this should be one of the more difficult Utah elections to figure—because of the quick-changing facets.

In Utah, the presidential race started out with Vice President Nixon quite generally regarded as being out in front. With one week to go, he still is and likely will remain so. But, his margin may be small.

Right after the primary election, Democratic governor candidate **William A Barlocker** looked so far out in front he appeared to be a shoo-in.

In the past two weeks however, support for **Gov. George D. Clyde,** which had no place to go but up, has been doing just that and what looked like a sure Democratic victory now appears to be the close race of the year.

The question here is will the trend level off now, with Barlocker holding a possible slight edge, or will Clyde continue to gain and forge to a win on Nov. 8? Unless things do level off, a Clyde win is now a distinct possibility.

The First District Congress race pits a virtual unknown, Republican **A. Walter Stevenson,** against a slightly better known Democrat, **M. Blaine Peterson,** in a district which in 1958 showed some signs of being Democratic on the local level. Best guess on this one appears to be Stevenson, although the race is a tossup.

Democratic incumbent **Rep. David S. King** has held what appears to be a definite lead over his Republican opponent, State Senate President **Sherman P. Lloyd,** from the start of the campaign. He still appears to have the edge.

Police Probing Theft

Theft of two rings and a ladies wrist watch all valued at $475 from the home of Martin Lutzker, 2931 Glenmare St. (1575 East), was being investigated by police Wednesday.

Utah Power & Light Co. and subsidiaries have invested $159.2 million in the past 10 years — to keep the electrical service in this area dependable, plentiful and low in cost.

Panel To Air Alcoholic Aid

The Metropolitan Council, Utah Alcoholism Foundation, will sponsor a panel discussion Thursday on the question of whether a farm for alcoholics should be established in the Salt Lake Valley area.

The discussion will begin at 8 p.m. in the Little Theater, Union building, University of Utah.

Panel moderator will be Dr. John O. Grimmett, adult psychologist, Fort Douglas Veterans Administration Hospital.

Panel members will include Lorraine Cook, commissioner of public welfare; Robert Leake, Utah Driver's Education program; Dr. Joseph R. Evans, Rehabilitation Center Alcoholism Clinic, Salt Lake General Hospital, and Capt. E. J. Steinfeldt, assistant chief, Salt Lake Police Dept.

U.S. Court Bans Sale Of Indian Livestock

A mixed blood Ute Indian of the Uintah-Ouray Reservation has obtained a temporary restraining order from Federal Judge Willis W. Ritter preventing the sale of stock in two mixed blood Ute livestock companies to members of the full blood Ute Tribe.

Margaret Sprouse alleged in a complaint filed concurrent with the injunction against Uintah-Ouray Superintendent Martin M. Zollar that she will be "irreparably damaged" if the purchase of stock in the companies is allowed to full blood Utes or to the Ute Tribe.

The companies are the Antelope Sheep Range Co. and Rock Creek Cattle Range Co., both owned by the 490 mixed blood Utes on tribal records according to congressional provision.

The Sprouse woman charged in the complaint that before any tribal shareholder can alienate his or her stock, it must be first offered to other mixed blood tribal members.

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